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Personal Mention

EDDIE and ROBERTA DRAKE, former B. B. C. students, are in Garden Grove, California, serving as Assistant Pastor and Youth Director there. They report that HERBERT KIMBER, who taught Voice at B. B. C. until his recent tour, is now there helping in the church.

ALVY FORD, the blind poet, who is a frequent contributor to Glad Tidings Magazine, writes that he will be glad to serve as guest speaker in churches within driving distance of Santa Cruz. Brother Ford's address is 661 Corcoran Street, Santa Cruz.

From Kansas City, LENA B. HENDON reports her delight with the revival in American Samoa. As a missionary on furlough from that field, Sister Hendon had long prayed for just such a revival.

DOROTHY HUFFAKER, recent B. B. C. graduate, is now working as secretary to the Christian Education Director and Minister of Youth in Bethel Temple, Sacramento. Previous to this she was working in the B. B. C. Business Office as bookkeeper.

Miss LOLA JOHNSON, a nurse and vocational missionary in Samoa, writes that 76 have been saved and baptized in water and most of them baptized in the Holy Spirit. At the Aua station, the Samoan pastor, his wife, and their 3 daughters all received the Baptism. The daughter

of the Winklemans was among those who received. There were many wonderful healings and a new work was opened as a result of the meetings. An encouraging spiritual move is continuing, even though the revival has ceased.

JOHN LEVERETT, B. B. C. class of '55, has recently arrived in Turlock, to take over his duties as assistant to Brother Carrington in Bethel Temple.

Evangelist W. C. PEIRCE is now holding a series of evangelistic services with Rev. J. S. Murrell in the Assembly of God at Dinuba. Following this he will be conducting a Worker's Training course with Pastor Edwin Cole in the San Bruno Assembly.

CHARLES SENECHAL is returning to the Northern California-Nevada District this month from the mid-west and will be open for Adult, Youth and Children's meetings starting January 1. His address is 150 Bockman Road, San Lorenzo, California.

The singing evangelists, AL and WILMA WYRICK, recently conducted a revival in Klamath Falls, Oregon. The meetings, which included prayer for the sick, were of benefit to all who attended.

With the Lord

Prayer and sincere sympathy is extended to Rev. June Garrard of Los Altos on the loss of her husband W. L. Garrard on November 17.

News of our District

MISSIONARIES

Compiled by
Margaret Bond

To the Lowell Dowdys we say a hearty "Welcome Home"! They are now back in our District after having been in Chile for five years and expect to be "at home" with their daughter and family, the Charles Bradburys' in Richmond until the first of the year. Brother Dowdy writes, "It has been a wonderful term of service and we saw God's mighty hand moving in a marvelous way. Southern Chile is wide open to the gospel!"

Brother and Sister Dowdy will be featured in the missionary services of the Fall Conventions to be held in Turlock and Merced the latter part of November.

Brother and Sister Heetebry are scheduled to speak in the missionary service of the Fall Convention at Martinez, the first part of December.

Ruth Couchman, the Paul Wrights, Wheeler Anderson and Mr. and Mrs.

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The Current Signs page is contributed by
A. J. Lebeck.

H. B. Felton have imparted missionary spirit and inspired a new zeal for missionary activity as they have conducted their services during the recent Fall Conventions.

Brother Arthur Lindvall will soon be stepping foot on the shores of the homeland again! Mrs. Lindvall and family, who preceeded him in July, along with his many friends will give him a glad welcome home. He has expressed the earnest desire to be able to secure enough pledged support while here to enable them to again return to the field of their calling, El Salvador.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Ads in this column are published without charge as a service to our readers. Material should be in the hands of the editor 3 weeks prior to each publication date. All material is subject to editorial approval and revision.

FOR SALE — P. E. Robertson home at Bethany Park. This is a conveniently located 4 bedroom, 2 bath home. Has large utility room and 3 room income apartment in the rear. Furniture in the house, including 2 refrigerators, goes in the deal. Price only \$8,500. Terms may be arranged. Contact P. E. Robertson, St. Helena, Box 207, Route 1, Calif. Phone 453J.

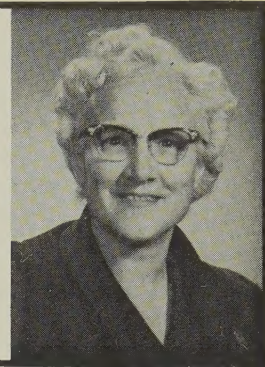
WANTED — Immediately after Christmas, Christian woman to care for children and do light housework. Room, board, and salary. Week ends off. Live within one block of Assembly of God church in Monte Vista. Write to P. O. Box 885, Sunnyvale, California for information.

FOR SALE — Golanti Super Dominator accordion. Professional model, 120 bass, 4 reed treble, 5 reed bass, with 21 switches. Black and silver finish, like new. Was \$1,500. Will accept reasonable offer and make terms. Address W. C. Peirce, P. O. Box 961, Santa Cruz.

GOOD NEWS!

by

MAY V. SWANSON



"Fear not, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people."

THE Shepherds lifted their heads; their hearts were filled with fear as a great light shone around them and the angel of the Lord spoke the heavenly words that allayed their fears — "I bring you good tidings!"

Many times our hearts have been filled with fear of tidings that are not so good; a yellow telegram is brought to our door; a radio flash of news that comes over the ether waves; a message of distress, accidents, tragedy and sorrow. From time to time the Shepherds had only heard evil tidings; Roman oppressions — closed Heavens; no voice from God. They had become accustomed to such news.

But now — "fear not!" — "I bring you Good Tidings of Great joy." Their hearts were filled with exaltation and anticipation. What news could bring such results? — "Which shall be to all the People." — They waited. Had the Romans lifted their iron yoke? Was Israel to have freedom of worship? The angel continues:

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David" — Whom? No news ever penetrated the ears and hearts of the world like this impor-

tant message.

Unto you is born a Conqueror? What news is the birth of a Conqueror, however great he may be, to that of a Savior? (Conquerors may save us from our enemies but the Savior saves us from our greatest enemy — the devil.)

Unto you is born an Inventor? — What news of an inventor, however a genius he may be, is the news of the birth of a Redeemer, the one who can bring us back from our lost estate.

Born a King, a Potentate, a leader, a Philanthropist — a mighty ruler — What are these to a Savior? Nothing can be uttered in the same breath. "A Redeemer," a message angels were asked to proclaim. Men of medical skill can save us from a malignant disease — but Christ alone can save mankind from the disease of sin.

*"He comes the Prisoner to release
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him
The iron fetters yield."*

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." The sign was a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. — The shepherds went to the stable. They found the babe. They fell and worshipped him. For two thousand years this is the story that has thrilled the children; has

brought tears to the mothers and has made the hearts of fathers glad.

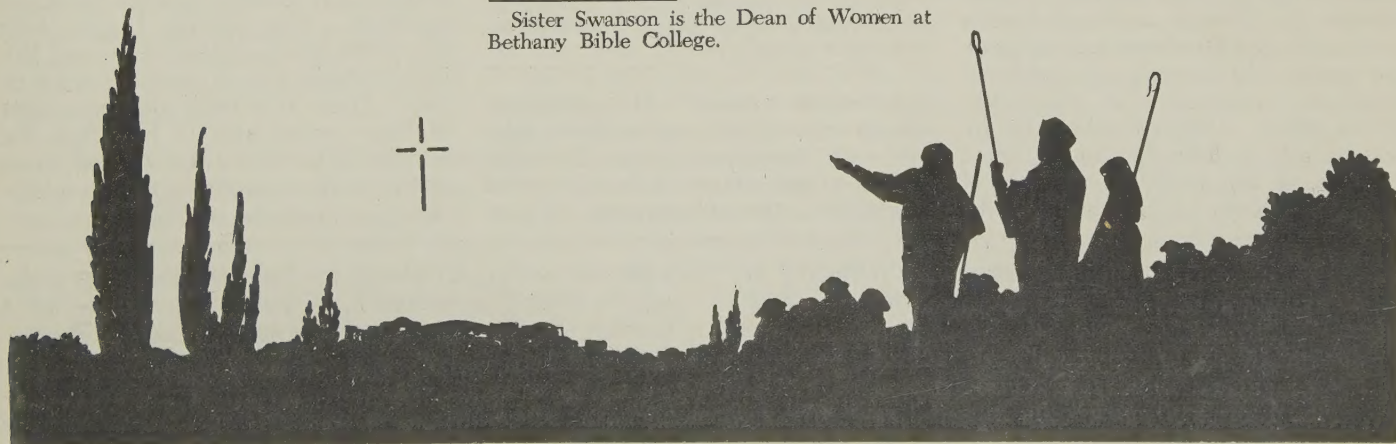
The message is the same — For unto you is born a Savior — The results are the same, — to bring tidings of great joy to the individual, to the family, the community, the country, — to all the people. Oh, that the world today would have the faith and confidence of the Shepherds of Judean Hills and go find the babe, who is the Savior and Redeemer of mankind. For when one sees the Savior he can have no more hatred in his heart but rather, Peace and Good Will toward men.

"Behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10, 11.

The next time the angels come in the clouds the message will not be to announce the birth of a babe in a manger — but will be the proclamation of the coming of the Savior in the Clouds of Glory. It still will be a message of Good Tidings and great joy. A message of Glorious Victory. We will not go to Bethlehem's inn, but be caught up in the Clouds of Glory to be forever with the Lord.

*So shall we ever be with the Lord!
Even so come Lord Jesus.*

Sister Swanson is the Dean of Women at Bethany Bible College.





Redwood City's Trailer Group Ministers in a Unique Kind of

OPEN-AIR EVANGELISM!

by the Editor

As he lurched from the doorway of the tavern, the drinker found himself confronted by a neatly dressed Gospel worker offering him a Salvation tract. The drinker took it. He read it and in a few moments tears were coursing down his cheeks. He expressed definite interest in the Gospel and invited the worker to go with him to his home. Arriving there the worker found the drinker's wife, herself an alcoholic, and equally as responsive to the Gospel message. Together they knelt down and prayed the penitent's prayer, requesting divine help to be delivered from this insnaring habit. As they rose from their knees, the drinker reported, "I feel different. We'll be in church Sunday morning."

And so they were, and their children in Sunday School too. And thus were more lives and another home transformed by the saving grace of Jesus Christ. And thus also was the conclusion of another successful street meeting by the Redwood City Assembly of God Trailer Group.

This street meeting program began several years ago amongst the laymen of the Redwood City Assembly. The leader of the program has largely been Brother Jim Bradley, although former pastor, Wesley Steelberg Jr., and present pastor, Ed Scratch, are both enthusiastic endorsers and supporters of this effort. Originally the program was simply a Saturday night street meeting at the main intersection of their hometown of Redwood City.

Through the months the program was expanded to include many other peninsula cities with a trailer to transport equipment and, in some instances, to serve as a platform and portable signboard at the place where the meeting was to be held.

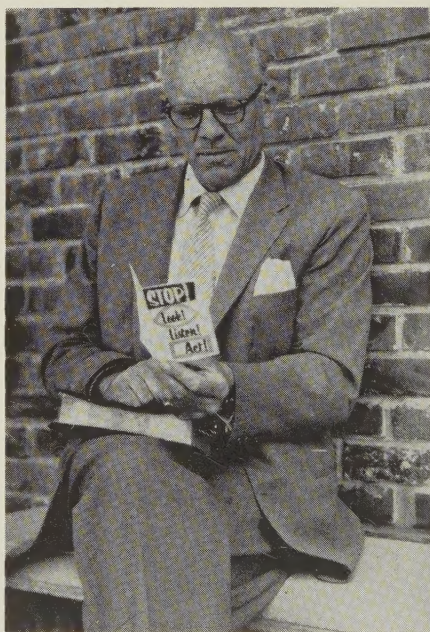
Redwood City's Trailer Group consists of about a dozen energetic and faithful Gospel believers who work

sonal witness. Their leader, Jim Bradley, was converted through an open-air witness in San Francisco in 1947. He now is an insurance broker located in Palo Alto.

A very special aspect in the ministry of the Trailer Group is their annual summer tour. This tour extends for one week and represents for most of the group one week of their vacation time. The team travels to some resort area such as Lake Tahoe for the express purpose of constituting a Gospel witness at the height of the vacation season. Each morning the party meets together for prayer and Bible study. In the afternoon they journey out to a neighboring town or city and conduct a street meeting. In the evening they conduct another meeting, either in the resort town or in one adjacent. Where possible the party works with the Assembly of God pastor and directs all converts to the local Assembly of God in the area where they are ministering. Those that have participated in this missionary program report that they returned from it refreshed and restored and rejoicing in the Lord far more than they might if they merely spent their vacation on ordinary vacation pursuits.

Through the years of experience, the Trailer Group has developed an unusually successful formula for street meetings. The meeting begins with the entire group gathered around the microphone for an opening song or two. There is a brief announcement of their arrival and an invitation for people to listen. Then all but three of the workers scatter from the micro-

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Brother Jim Bradley takes a moment to study anew a typical Gospel tract used by the trailer group.

together as a team. The group includes an organist, various vocal soloists and instrumentalists. Everyone is sold on the power of the Gospel of Christ and the effectiveness of per-

At the top of the page are pictured the following (l. to r.): 1) A service in progress at Carson City. The trailer provides a sort of signboard backdrop as well as providing a mount for the P. A. speakers. When circumstances warrant, the trailer is also used as an inquiry and prayer room. 2) A typical arrangement in the usual congested town. The group gathers between two cars,

with one serving as a rack for the speakers. This scene was in King City in the Lake Tahoe resort area. 3) A meeting beside the railroad tracks at Reno. In the immediate foreground the head of the organist is visible. Just behind her a worker is singing into the microphone. In the background two of the men workers are dealing with inquirers.

JOY TO THE WORLD

by Ferne H. Murray

"Joy to the World the Lord is Come.
Let earth receive her King."

The greatest missionary story ever recorded is the Christmas story of "He who existed in the form of God yet he emptied himself and took upon him the form of a servant, and became obedient unto the death of the cross." This is Paul's conception of Christmas: God steps down and appears in the form of man. The man Jesus steps down and becomes a servant — a missionary to a foreign land. His words were misunderstood, his message was seemingly ignored and to some it appeared that His very mission on earth was in vain for "the servant" steps down to death on the cross. He becomes the Revealer of God's love. To be conscious of this spirit of Christ and to practice it is the true meaning of Christmas.

The message the Angels sang was worldwide because of: UNIVERSAL SIN, *The Destroyer of Joy*. The whole world is under the curse of sin "for there is no man that sinneth not, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." The purpose of Christ's coming was singular in purpose; to redeem the world from the condemnation of sin and death. If in this enlightened age we have found another less painful way of fulfilling the demands of God to redeem man, then and only then could we feel warranted in recalling our missionaries. But the universality of sin remains—"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Apart from Christ the world is completely hopeless, dare we withhold the joyful tidings

UNIVERSAL SALVATION, *the Desire of the Nations*. The condemnation rested on all flesh and likewise the atonement is for all. The Angels herald the good tidings which shall be to ALL people, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord." God commendeth his love

toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

Christmas brings the significant assurance of God's love toward the world. It reminds us afresh of the wonder of God's sovereign, eternal and unchangeable love. There may have been many spectacular ways by which God might have shown His love for us, but in reckoning with the penalty of sin, there was no lesser way to pay the price demanded for our redemption. He embodied His love in the divine Person of His only begotten son. There in the crude, rustic manger in inconspicuous Bethlehem there lay a tiny Baby, yet the Holy one of Israel, the Heir of all the things, the Redeemer of the World and yet destined to become the King of Kings.

"A King looked down from the glory land,
A ransom for man's sin,
Yet never a cot nor palace door
Stood wide to let him in.
A star kept watch o'er his manger bed,
While angels sang above,
A melody that will live for aye,
The choral song of love."

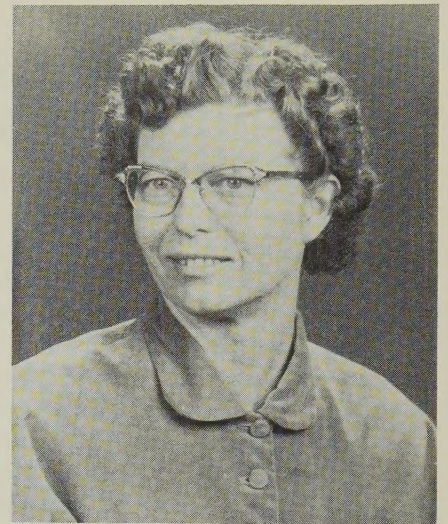
UNIVERSAL SATISFACTION,
the demand of the Human Heart.

"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid for the Lord Jehovah is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation. Therefore with JOY shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation."

Joy is the external side of the inward state of Peace. The Angels sang, "Glory to God in the Highest and on earth, peace, goodwill to men."

Despite the immense separations of mind, condition, and opportunity; the incalculable amount of injustice; and the evil and suffering in the world, whether high or low, rich or poor, black or white — the demand of the human heart is fulfilled in Christ.

"Oh that men would praise the Lord



Ferne Murray, wife of Pastor Raymond P. Murray of Santa Cruz, is our District WMC Secretary-Treasurer.

for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.' (Psalm 107:8,9.)

UNIVERSAL SERVICE,
the Delight to do His will.

In reply to the angels' amazing announcement that Mary should be the mother of the Messiah, the Hope of Israel, she said: "I am here to serve the Lord." (Luke 1:38 Moffatt.) Later she was willing to undertake the inconveniences of the journey to Bethlehem and the risks of bringing forth her First-born under unfavorable circumstances in the little town of Bethlehem.

The devout shepherds heard the angels' chorus and believed what they heard. They left their flocks and came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child."

The Magi came many miles, perhaps on a journey requiring weeks, to worship the new-born King. To Him they brought costly, kingly gifts.

In the same spirit of love and self-denying service as shown by the Wise men, the Shepherds, and Mary, we, too, are privileged to show our loyalty to the Gift of God's love. If we love God who loves us, we are willing to run risks, leave all, and give our most precious gifts to Him. Why should it be difficult to serve God who first loved us and gave His Son for our redemption?

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F. A. and Inez Sturgeon report . . .

REVIVAL FIRES IN MEETINGS IN EUROPE

Five months of evangelistic work in Europe are behind us, and we praise the Lord that they have been months of a most blessed and fruitful ministry. We began in Italy, and there we ministered in thirty-two churches. Thus we touched a good number of the Pentecostal people and pastors. These were days in which the Lord was pleased to give us many "signs following." In every locality we found the people hungry, the churches packed, and the need for larger quarters urgent. At the moment there is persecution only in some isolated spot. The Chief Justice of Italy's Constitutional Court has put pressure on the government to comply with its rulings allowing Protestant churches to post signs on their churches and also to prohibit the promiscuous arrests of Protestant believers.

Our next meetings were in Norway for the Oslo Filadelfia Church. We met in a large conference tent. Night after night we saw the tent, which seated 3,000, packed, and many nights all the people could not be seated. It was a joy to see the altars lined with seeking hearts. Especially outstanding there were the many young men who came to the Lord.

Our next six weeks were spent in

Berlin, Germany, in the Evangelistic Center. This work is the outgrowth of the five summers of tent campaigns by the Hal Herman-Richard Ruff Evangelistic team. Ben Kummer-



F. A. and Inez Sturgeon

feld, former instructor at Bethany Bible College, is the pastor. Here God was pleased to give us the highlight of our meetings in Europe. The peo-

ple came by the thousands to hear the Gospel — hungry people with open hearts. The hall, with a seating capacity of 1,100, was filled every night, and on Sunday evenings we had to hold two services in order to accommodate every one. Over seven hundred came to seek the Lord for salvation; and, as nearly as we could count, about one hundred were filled with the Spirit. The Lord was pleased to stretch forth His hand to heal the sick, and each evening we saw mighty miracles. Testimonies of these healings, in many instances supported by a Doctor's affidavit, sound like a catalog of all the ills that can befall humanity.

We have just closed fifteen days at Stuttgart, Germany. This meeting was not on as large a scale as that in Berlin, but in the short time over one hundred were prayed with for salvation. Among these were some well known community leaders. The testimonies of healing were a larger percentage than in the Berlin meeting.

In Germany we have been happy to have had the able assistance of Fred Wulf, of the Northern California-Nevada District, as an interpreter. He is one of the best with whom we have ever worked.

Praise the Lord for the accomplishments of the past few months. As we continue to labor in this field where the nations are dominated by the tensions and suspicions which a long history of wars has engendered, we know that this door can be closed so quickly. We would appreciate your prayers.

Open-Air Evangelism

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phone and take up positions at previously arranged posts in the immediate area. Usually each street corner is covered with as many workers as necessary to provide tracts to passers-by. It is the workers at these corner posts who do the personal witnessing to the background of the program being presented over the loudspeaker from the central meeting point. Those behind the microphone intersperse testimonies with Gospel songs and special numbers. By pre-arrangement various workers at their assigned posts return to the microphone to fulfill their part in the program while the person previously there takes the assigned post and carries on the tract and personal witnessing ministry. Hence, through this rotation system there are always about three workers at the microphone and the remainder are passing tracts and making person-

al contact within the area reached by the loudspeaker.

A program of this nature calls for a simple type of tract which directly relates the Gospel message and the method to be saved. The tracts serve as means of information to those interested and not particularly to attract attention to themselves. About four hundred tracts are distributed in the average meeting.

No attempt is made to give an altar call over the microphone because there does not seem to be close enough contact between the speakers and and those listening. The invitation to accept Christ is restricted to those who are scattered to their assigned posts throughout the area. An hour and a half is the maximum length of any service and usually it is only an hour or less. It is the goal of these who are scattered to the nearby corners to permit no one to pass the area without being contacted with the Gospel.

Most of the meetings in the peninsula towns are held Friday evenings since that has become the main shopping night just as Saturday used to be. The meetings are usually planned to begin at about 7:30 with, if possible, an hour of prayer preceeding the outdoor meeting.

One of the outstanding facts reported by these workers is that it is a rare meeting that does not see at least one who requests prayer and makes a profession to accept Christ. Often, of course, there are more. Leader Jim Bradley estimates that sixty or seventy per year are led to the Lord through this ministry.

Is this all worth while? At the outset it is obvious that a program of this nature wonders upon those participating. Timid souls grow strong in the Lord and weak believers become vigorous, active, soul winners. At the same time, this exceptional influx of souls is no small achievement. Then

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DISTRICT COUNCIL

Essential Information Concerning

Social Security and Church Contributions

A Selected Reprint from a Recent Issue
of our Minister's Quarterly Letter

*Social Security Deadline —
April 15, 1957.*

We note from the questionnaires being received there is an alarming number of our ministers who have not as yet signed up for Social Security. Possibly they do not realize the danger of forever losing their right to social security protection. At the time the law was passed which permitted ministers of religion to become part-takers of social security, the requirement was made that all ministers who were ordained prior to January 1, 1955 must sign their waivers before April 15, 1957, or forever be barred from the privilege of securing this protection. Once they sign, however, the decision is irrevocable.

Ministers who are ordained after January 1, 1955 are given two years time in which to sign up for Social Security. If they do not sign up before the expiration of the two years time, they will be forever barred from Social Security benefits.

It is possible that some of those ministers who have not signed up for social security are depending on receiving some aid from the Benevolence Fund which has been provided for the older ministers of the Assemblies of God who are in need. It is true that such a fund has been established, and we are now giving financial aid from this fund to a number of older ministers who cannot qualify for social security benefits. But this fund is not now and never will be adequate to provide for the actual needs of retired ministers. The benefits to be provided through social security are so much greater than the aid which may be made available through the Benevolence Fund that our ministers cannot afford to fail to avail themselves of this provision.

Among the excuses we have noted on the questionnaires are the following: "I cannot afford it!" and "I don't believe in it!" You may feel you cannot afford to set aside 3% of your income for social security, but if and when you reach the age of 65 and find that you have made no provision for

your future, you may find your brethren of the Assemblies of God are unable to take care of you from the Benevolence Fund, as much as they may desire to do so. They may also say to you, "You could have availed yourself of this help, but did not do it. Why?" Furthermore, we find that some of our churches are helping their pastors out by raising salaries or setting aside for the pastor as much as 3% of salary to be used by him for making social security payment. Churches are concerned about the future of their pastors and are willing to help in many instances.

To those who do not believe in Social Security, as provided by the government, we would ask, "Do you believe in life insurance or any other form of protection?" Social Security is nothing more than a form of life insurance, provided through a mutual plan, for all who are participants contributing toward the retirement of those who reach the normal retirement age of 65 years. Furthermore, there are definite and substantial benefits in the form of insurance for wives and members of the family, in the event of your death prior to normal retirement age, provided you have been in the plan for as long as six quarters of time (one and a half years).

To all our workers
and all our friends

SEASON'S GREETINGS

from the District
Officers and the District
Office Staff and each
District Department.

A REMINDER

All Resolutions (except emergency measures) must be in the hands of the Resolution Committee by December 15 prior to the convening of the District Council session.

The author of any resolution to the District Council for adoption shall sign the resolution and shall be expected to open discussion of the same on the Council floor.

ARTICLE XVIII, Sec. 1
and 2. District By Laws.

Resolutions should be mailed to the District Secretary and will be forwarded immediately to Rev. L. R. Keys, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee.

Because of these great benefits, which cannot be provided through any plan which might be devised by your church, we urge that all ministers sign up for Social Security now, instead of waiting for the limit of time set up by the government. Ask your Internal Revenue Office, where you file your income tax returns, for the Waiver Certificate for use by ministers, electing coverage under Title II of the Social Security Act, and do it now.

Closer Supervision of Contributions To Be Made by Internal Revenue Department

A representative of the Internal Revenue Department visited the South Texas District Council on June 20th and spent an hour talking to the preachers about keeping accurate records of all contributions. It was stated to them that the Internal Revenue Department will no longer accept reports of contributions to churches unless they are backed up by receipts or other evidence to prove the contributions have actually been made. Churches are urged to use the envelope system, so that statements covering contributions can be issued to contributors to substantiate their claims. If claims cannot be substantiated, then they will not be allowed. According to reports we are receiving from other parts of the country, members of churches who have been contributing cash for the support of the church, and who have no receipts to prove their claim, are being challenged by the Internal Revenue Department and the claims are not being allowed. All pastors should take heed to this threat and should take steps to protect their members, and also to protect themselves for their personal contributions.

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS

Representing Christ in the Public School Classroom

by David Persing

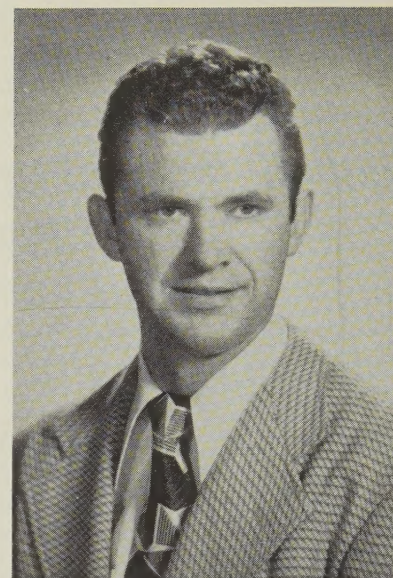
Every morning, as I look into the faces of thirty sixth graders, I feel a great thrill in the challenge I see. As a Christ Ambassador, I have a chance to influence and guide the lives of a greater percentage of the unchurched population of our community than our own minister does. These children will be under my care longer than they will probably be with their own parents, therefore, I have a chance to be a very important molding force in their lives and probably the only one in some cases.

I think that every person can look back and remember some teacher along the way that was a tremendous boost to his or her philosophy of life. It is true in my case. It has been said that young people who are now training for teaching were once students in the fourth to sixth grades who found what they considered as an ideal person in a teacher. These, then are the years to exemplify the Christian Life before them.

•The other night I was thinking about the number of lives a tutor di-

rectly influences in twenty years and the figure came between six hundred to eight hundred men and women. Some missionaries have never had an opportunity like this! To show the power of far reaching influence, these adults will bring up their children in the light of what they, themselves, have learned as right and good. The chain reaction of the Hydrogen Bomb couldn't be more powerful speaking in terms like this.

At present there is a student from a nearby college who is doing some practice teaching in my classroom and at the same time is working and earning \$6500 a year. Since he would have to take \$2500 less a year when he starts teaching, I couldn't help asking him why he decided to change. He replied that he wanted job satisfaction more than anything else and he thought he would find it in teaching. The satisfactions for a Christian are many since he has the inspiration of the Master teacher. Chances to witness, outside of living the life before them, are numerous even though



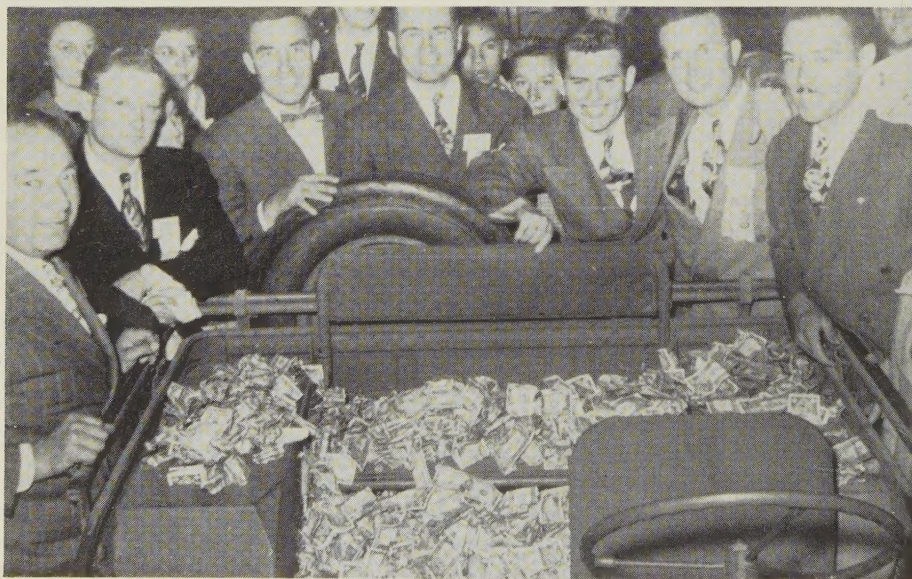
David Persing is a public school teacher in Cupertino. He teaches the sixth grade.

the state law prohibits your preaching of a particular doctrine. People often come asking advice on how to solve their problems with themselves as well as with their children. Some times it works itself into a personal testimony or the recommendation to attend church. I have personally had some wonderful experiences witnessing to other teachers. Since the faculty of the school becomes well acquainted, it is natural that they would be interested in the religion of a fellow teacher who lives a Christian life before them. My prayer is continuous throughout each day for more wisdom, devotion, and guidance by the Holy Spirit so that I may not miss a chance to say the word or do the act that may have a mission for eternity.

Perhaps you think the foregoing sounds like an enlistment speech and well it may be. In consideration of the future, Christ Ambassadors could not err in choice of a vocation by trying one of the highest callings — the teaching profession.

\$\$ GOOD NEWS \$\$

Since one year has passed we can now say that one third of all organized C. A. groups are faithfully supporting the C.A. Department with monthly offerings. One year ago only one fifth of all groups were supporting the office. We are very grateful for these faithful groups for they are making it more and more possible for the C. A. Department to serve all the groups. If your group has not yet become a regular supporter, send us a letter at once telling how much you are going to be able to give each month for the coming year 1957.



Starting next month there will be a series of pictures printed on this page taken out of the files of the C. A. Department. If you are a young old timer in this district you will have a lot of fun in trying to identify faces and places that have had much to do with C. A. activities of yester-year. Above is a sample picture. How many of these faces can you identify. Also, do you recall when and where this picture was taken? Give it a try and let us know your conclusion.

Progress Reported at the Lodi First Assembly of God

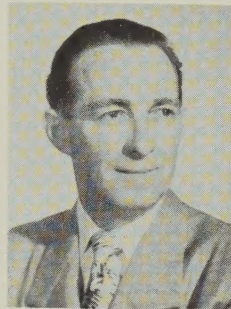
THE RECENT WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 18, saw a gala homecoming and mortgage burning ceremony at the Lodi First Assembly of God. Pastor Kelsey Prinzing reports that it was a day of abundant blessing with everyone receiving encouragement and challenge, and several visitors finding the Lord as their Savior.

Special speakers for the occasion included all the C. A. Presidents from as far back as 1929. Otto Schmidt, formerly a member of the assembly and now pastor at Atwater, was the speaker both Saturday and Sunday evenings. The Sunday morning speaker was Harold Persing, one time pastor at Lodi, and now pastor of the Los Gatos Assembly.

The Sunday afternoon rally featured District Superintendent Leonard Palmer. Following his address, the congregation rejoiced as the church and parsonage mortgage was burned.

The First Assembly of God in Lodi is one of our older assemblies that

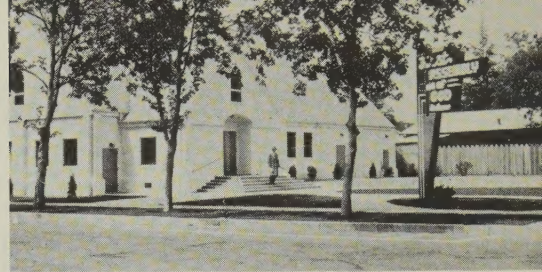
owes its beginning to a series of cottage prayer meetings in 1924. The first pastor was J. J. Schmidt who came to the group in 1925. Meetings were held in a rented house with a partition removed to make a small chapel. It was in Brother Schmidt's time, when the assembly numbered 18 in Sunday School, that it became



Pastor Kelsey C. Prinzing

affiliated with the General Council of the Assemblies of God.

Other pastors who have served the



congregation include: W. R. Patterson, Harold Persing, Paul J. Thomen, A. A. Lowe, Stanley McPherson, Mark Hinman, and Fred Wurlitz.

Church buildings which have housed the congregation include: a theatre building, the Church of God church, and a structure known as Glad Tidings Temple. The present church building, valued at a hundred thousand dollars, was begun in the summer of 1949. It was completed and dedicated in June of 1950, during the ministry of Pastor Thomas A. Custock, who vacated the pastorate in 1951. The present pastor, the Rev. Kelsey C. Prinzing, was called to serve the church in August of 1951. In the spring of 1953, the church built a spacious three bedroom parsonage on the corner of West Elm Street and

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Have We Really Beheld the Christ of Christmas?

The Christmas season is upon us again, and with it comes the usual assortment of gifts, Season's greetings, and decorated homes, shops, and cities. Most of the foregoing will revolve around the Nativity scene — a sweet little baby in soft clothing and gentle surroundings, with adoring parents hovering over him, shepherds worshipping him, and a bright light shining about him. These scenes are to represent the Christ of Christmas, God's gift to man.

Surely, God's gift to man goes far beyond that sweet little baby in his gentle surroundings. God's real gift was a gift of sacrificial blood. His real gift was the remission of sin, and without the shedding of blood there is no remission. True, Jesus was born the Savior of the world, but He became that Savior when He shed His blood upon the cross. He was born, not to live, but to die. Our redemption was accomplished at His death, not at His birth.

Most of the sentiments expressed at Christmas ignore God's real gift to man. In fact, great numbers of people who celebrate Christmas haven't the slightest idea of why Jesus came to this earth, or what He accomplished when He said, "It is finished," on the cross.

Isaiah said of Christ, "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed." Isa 53:5. Perhaps the real center of the Christmas story is to be found in John 19:5, where we read, "Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, 'Behold the Man!'"



The Christ of Christmas I behold
Is not a babe, all gentle grace,
But lo! A man with purpose bold,
With blood upon his battered face.

The Christ of Christmas I observe
Is not a babe, to never lack,
But lo! A man, to never swerve,
Though blood flows down his tortured back.

The Christ of Christmas I present
Is not a babe, to hug and toss,
But lo! A man whose back is bent
Beneath the burden of his cross.

The Christ of Christmas I proclaim
Is not a babe, all soft and sweet,
But lo! A man in blinding pain,
With nails through his hands and feet.

The Christ of Christmas I commend
Is not a babe, with haloed head,
But lo! A man whose flesh did rend,
Whose sacrificial blood was shed!

—Alvy E. Ford.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

MILK SHAKES

AND LITERATURE

by Miriam Wright

"HE LIVES! HE LIVES! CHRIST Jesus lives today." The youthful voices of 50 children rang through the halls of the small school building and were echoed by the bright music of the tropical birds fluttering in the warm sunshine amongst the poinsettia trees. The spirit of the song carried across the Lilongwe river to the humble hut where the Africans were having their Sunday morning service.

The Sunday School for white children was only a month old yet it became so popular that children would rather attend it than go with their parents to beautiful Lake Nyasa for a vacation. There are only 3 schools for white children in the whole of Nyasaland, consequently our children have to go and stay at these schools. It was a sad day when we took our 7 year old son away to boarding school but he smiled through his tears when he heard the Headmistress ask me to come every other Sunday and have S. S. in the school house. I had no literature on hand for white children so quickly wrote to the B.G.M.C. and soon bundles of S. S. papers began to arrive. Our first Sunday we only had a few children, but they enjoyed our lively American motion choruses and the pretty colorful S.S. papers to such an extent that they began to invite their other friends. The

whole town began to talk about the only S. S. in town for white children.

Fathers and mothers were invited to our big Christmas S.S. party. We gave the children S.S. papers and gifts. One Englishman said Sunday School wasn't fun like that when he was a boy and all the parents expressed their gratitude to the boys and girls of the Assemblies of God in America for the literature they had sent to make their children happy. They had never seen anything like it before. You can imagine how proud I was to tell them about a young boy I know in America that had saved the money his Daddy had given him for a milk shake and put it in the B.G.M.C. offering. It was a witness to them that our boys and girls in this country truly love Jesus and are willing to sacrifice that other boys and girls all over the world might learn to know about Him through the printed page.

Across the river in front of a mud hut sat a group of African children singing the same choruses the white children sing. Their African Sunday School teacher had a Bible in his hand and a S.S. picture roll which was badly torn and dirty. How eagerly the children watched and listened as the picture was shown them! Then the teacher took his quarterly which had been printed by the missionary and

told them the Bible story of Jesus' great love for ALL men. Crayons, which they had never seen before, and papers to color were then handed out and they had fun making the paper look pretty. These crayons and the paper on which to print these things all came from the B.G.M.C. The African preachers keep coming to us asking for more picture rolls, for the ones they have are old, the rain has spoiled them as they have driven on their bicycles, and they are out of date. Until a few months back we had only a few to distribute, but recently 3 drums filled with S. S. literature arrived from the B.G.M.C. for our Sunday School work in Nyasaland. It won't be long now until our African preachers will be well equipped with literature to go into any village and attract the children around them to hear the glad Gospel story.

It is hard for the white and black people in Africa to realize that our boys and girls of America can do so much and give so much for others. Can children actually work for God? Yes, through the B.G.M.C. they are winning many souls for the Lord by sending forth the Word through literature. Boys and girls, will you sacrifice a few more milk shakes for the Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade?

At this holiday season we should all remember that the greatest gift we can give the lost and dying is JESUS.



DOWN TO EARTH!

A starry nebula whirling through space is the symbol of the 1957 Southwest Regional Sunday School Convention which will be held in the Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento on March 12-14. The symbol was chosen in keeping with the 1957 OPPORTUNITY UNLIMITED theme.

But although we've hitched our Sunday School wagon to a star, the 1957 convention is going to be a "down-to-earth" practical affair.

From the inspiring full sessions to the smallest workshop, you'll get facts, ideas, helps, inspiration, that will prove invaluable when you get back home "behind the plow"!

See you in Sacramento!



Kerman
Worker's
Training
Class

A very successful Worder's Training Course was conducted recently at Elim Assembly of God in Kerman. Pictured above are a group of those enrolled with the participating pastors. In the front row are (l. to r.): A. H. Drake, Pastor, Kerman Grace and Truth; Clifford Holderman, Pastor, Elim Assembly; Bill Webb, Pastor, Biola; Edith Birmingham, former representative of the South San Joaquin Section. Sister Birmingham was the teacher of the course. The present Sectional Representative is A. H. Drake.

HERE AND THERE



Pastor G. C. Sturgeon (on truck) and Brother A. K. Rasmussen of Auburn's First Assembly of God unload a truckload of canned fruit at the Bethany Bible College cafeteria. The shipment included some 800 quarts of canned goods. The Auburn people used the facilities of the community cannery of Live Oak to prepare most of the produce, and in addition, the ladies of the assembly tithed their home canning. Bethany Bible College is deeply grateful to these good folk for their kindness in this matter.

campaign, which has been in progress for several weeks. Interest has increased as the church has witnessed the power of God to heal through the ministry of the Word of God and prayer. Pastor Sandry reports that plans are being made to start construction on a new church by the first of the year.

DIXON — The new pastor is Clifford S. Holderman. He succeeds George McQueen.

FAIRFIELD — This church also has a new pastor. He is D. Edward Park who succeeds James Durkin.

HALF MOON BAY — "Our church is progressing and God is still blessing," writes pastor J. P. McMenus. The church is striving to set a new record in attendance.

HAYWARD — A recent revival with Ralph Cranston was a blessed time for the church. On the last day of the campaign twelve souls came forward to seek the Lord. The pastor is James Swanson and Elmer Bueno is the Assistant.

LOS GATOS — The church has just finished a complete redecoration of the interior of the sanctuary. Harold Persing is pastor.

NORTH SACRAMENTO — The Christ Ambassadors had a special meeting with Neal and Hazel Moore, known as the Musical Moores. The service proved to be a real inspiration and blessing to the congregation. The pastor is E. L. Snyder.

OAKLAND (Calvary Temple) — Wheeler Anderson, missionary to Africa, was the featured speaker one Sunday in November. The following Sunday was Homecoming Day when many of the church members and friends from the past returned to Calvary Temple for the reunion. O. L. Foth is the pastor and Ardon Schmidt the Minister of Music and Christian Education.

OAKLAND (Grace Church) — During the church's Missionary Month, the congregation enjoyed the ministries of Rev. and Mrs. Mel Steward and Rev. and Mrs. Wheeler Anderson whose talks were an inspiration to all. Lowell Hooper is the pastor.

CLOVERDALE — Writes Pastor J. L. Jeffrey: "Rev. Henry McMilin, pastor at Cotati, was with us for one week and the blessing of the Lord was rich. Our Sunday School has had a nine percent increase this last year and we hope to move into our five new classrooms near the first of the month."

DALY CITY — The church reporter writes: "Pastor T. F. Sandry and congregation of the Assembly have requested Evangelist O. G. Ogburn of Florida to continue with the Evangelistic and Divine Healing

About Our District

BIGGS — Speed-the-Light Sunday was in charge of the church's Christ Ambassadors. Special music and the "Dollar Day" offering, plus a skit, "Darkness Deepens", highlighted the day. The pastor is Ray Oliver.

CERES — Pastor Dan Robinson reports a steady gain in their Sunday School during the past months. Since July it has gone from an average of 75 to an attendance of 170 on a recent Sunday.

(Below): TWO VIEWS OF OUR GOSPEL WORK IN WEST BERLIN, GERMANY. At the left is a group of the members and the entrance way of the Evangelistic Center. Brother Ben Kummerfeld is pastor of this work. At the right is a scene during the baptismal ser-

vice in connection with the campaign of the F. A. Sturgeons (See their article). On this occasion there were 133 candidates. The workers (in black robes) include (l. to r.): Pastor Kummerfeld, Evangelist Sturgeon, a German layman, and Interpreter Fred Wulf.





Evangelists LELAND and SHIRLEY GOOD have recently been ministering in our midst in revivals and one-day meetings in assemblies in San Francisco (Sunset and Glad Tidings), San Bruno, and Oakland (Bethel). They also were recent guest speakers at Bethany Bible College. Though they currently are ministering in the Southern Idaho District, they expect to be back in California after the New Year. Brother Good is a graduate of B. B. C. (class of '53). The Goods maintain their headquarters at 1715 18th Avenue, San Francisco.

OAKLAND (First Church) — A recent speaker was Missionary Ruth Couchman, on furlough from her work in South America. Her interesting highlights of the work and pictures made it a memorable day for all of the congregation. The church is also in a House to House Campaign and is having splendid results and an increase in attendance. The pastor is Henry Ness.

OLIVEHURST — On November 11, the church celebrated the second anniversary in their new church and also the fifth anniversary of the present pastors, Rev. and Mrs. Searle W. Stover. Brother Joseph L. Gerhart, the district Secretary-Treasurer, and the Bethany Bible College Quartet, consisting of Ken Haystead, David Pao, Ralph Thompson, Edwin Loftin, and Marlene Dixon as pianist; along with Brother W. A. Frazier, the former pastor, were the invited guests.

The Sunday school attendance was 190 with many more coming in for the morning service. Brother Frazier brought the morning message stressing the importance of prayer and obedience. Dinner was served by the ladies of the church in the annex building following the morning meeting. A great rally was conducted in the afternoon with the churches of the area co-operating. The quartet brought several special numbers, and Brother Gerhart brought a wonderful message. The evening service consisted of more specials from the quartet followed by another message from Brother Gerhart. It was truly a wonderful day of blessing from the Lord.

The church is enjoying a steady growth materially and spiritually and in the last three years has done much work in the rebuilding of their church plant.

REDWOOD CITY — The people enjoyed and profited by the ministry of Evangelist Ralph Cranston, who conducted a revival

not long ago. Lives were blessed as souls sought the Lord. Ed Scratch is the Pastor

ROSEVILLE — Robert Pirtle, from Springfield, Missouri, is the new pastor of the Assembly. Former pastor was R. A. Wilson Sr., who is now serving as District Assistant Superintendent.

SACRAMENTO (Bethel Temple) — The Warren Grants have come to Bethel to assume the responsibilities of Director of Christian Education and Minister of Youth. They are formerly from Memphis, Tennessee, where they were assisting in the church there. Clyde Henson pastors the church.

SAN BRUNO — The church has been in a House to House Campaign to reach those who do not attend any church. They report that they already have several new people for Sunday School. The pastor is Edward Cole.

SAN JOSE (Bethel) — A real pentecostal outpouring took place on a Sunday night recently. As a result of the service fifteen souls came forward to seek God. Thomas G. Sutton is pastor.

SAN JOSE (Calvary Temple) — November was set aside as Visitation Month. The program was launched by a consecration service when members pledged to assist in the crusade. Excellent reports came in of the success of the many teams going out each week to witness to the unsaved.

SEBASTOPOL — The church was host to the North Bay Section Fellowship meeting on November 19. The speakers were D. Edward Park and Rayford C. Aderholt. The dinner after the afternoon service was provided by the church. P. R. Ford is the pastor.

SOQUEL — The church reports a rapid growth in Sunday School in the past few weeks. The attendance has soared from an average of 70 to 113 in November. They have started youth services each week and many children as well as adults are being saved in the services and also in the services on Sunday. J. R. Davis is the pastor.

VALLEJO (First Assembly) — The church secretary writes: "Fifty five Christ Ambassadors attended a banquet in the Church Social Hall in October. Decorations were carried out in Fall colors. The wonderful ham dinner was enjoyed by everyone. Special guests included, Rev. Gerald Fischer, Sectional C. A. Chairman of the North Bay Section, Pastor and Mrs. Keetah Jones, and Evangelist Pat Thomas and Party. The program consisted of special musical numbers which featured our own local talent and Pat Thomas gave a piano logue. Rev. Fischer presented to First Assembly's C. A. President, Ray Young, the plaque won by the young people for the largest attendance over a six month period to the Sectional C. A. Rallies." The pastor is Robert Jones.

WOODLAND — The new pastor is Rueben Wilson Jr., formerly from Colusa. The previous pastor is John Green.

YUBA CITY — This church also has a new pastor. He is Kenneth Carney who succeeds Dave Colbert.



THE INTERIOR OF SAN JOSE'S NEW CALVARY TEMPLE. It is evident that this new sanctuary embodies an exceptionally pleasing design. Pastor T. Kermit Jeffrey comments: "One of our greatest assets are the upholstered seating done in rich woods and fabrics. The interior is a fine blend of Redwood, Oak, and Japanese Cherry. An eighteen foot cross graces the front of the auditorium and is a fitting symbol of the power and ministry of the Church." The new sanctuary has already proved a blessing to the people of Calvary Temple.

—Photo by Paul Kienel.



SCENES FROM A BAPTISMAL SERVICE IN AMERICAN SAMOA. Pictured are two views of the candidates and one of the young men about to be baptised. On this occasion, 76 new converts obeyed the Lord in water baptism. The baptismal service followed an exceptional revival concerning which Missionary Herman Winkelman reports: "The evangelistic messages were anointed by the Holy Spirit. Sinners came to the altar

under great conviction and they wept and prayed through to victory. Many were saved and filled with the Spirit. The presence and power of God was felt in a marvelous way. The evangelist was Brother Frank Skierski." Brother Winkelman adds that the revival continues and several have recently been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

At Our National Office

CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS — Even though the year is not ended, Speed-the-Light contributions have already reached an all-time-high with a total of over \$200,000. Total giving for 1956 is expected to reach \$300,000.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—*The World Challenge*, our official missionary department organ, is sponsoring a contest beginning in the New Year in February. Original oil paintings, many of which are valued at more than \$300, will be offered as prizes. Free information and a complete list of prizes will be sent to anyone requesting it. Address mail to: World Challenge Subscription Contest, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

HOME MISSIONS — The Home Missions Department is offering a Book of Remembrance for the hour of prayer. The 36 page booklet contains space to write one's own prayer reminders as well as a home missions request. It also contains poems of inspiration. Free copies may be obtained from Elva M. Johnson, Home Missions Department, 434 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Missouri.

PUBLICATIONS — Beginning the first quarter of '57, the Gospel Publishing House will make available a new teaching aid at the adult level. The aid will consist of a chart 23x34 inches presenting a correlation of the lessons for the entire quarterly. Cost of the chart will be 50c. The research for this material is done by Glad Tidings Editor, L. Thomas Holdercroft.

RADIO — The Radio Department has compiled a book of the 12 most requested sermons during the 1956 year. A copy is available for one dollar, or six copies for a five dollar contribution to Revivaltime.

WMC — "Lighten the Load" is the theme for the National WMC Day, February 24, 1957. The burden of the Women's Missionary Council is to help lighten the load of missionaries, pastors, districts, and local churches.

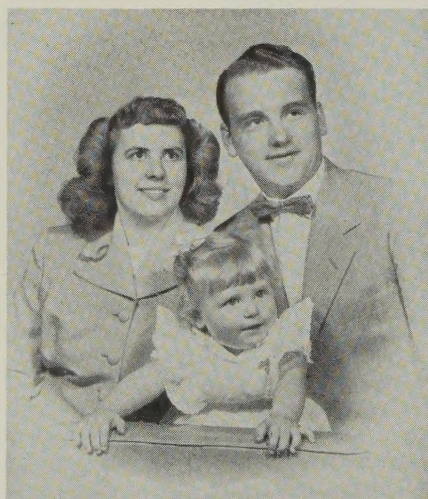
On Our Overseas Front

EL SALVADOR — An enthusiastic letter from Arthur Lindvall states: "The Lord is moving in a marvelous way in the ten new churches that were started in the capital of the country this year. In the last month, 27 have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit in one church, and 45 in another. Fifteen have received in each of two other churches. Five of these eight old churches already have outstations of their own. The main church is still meeting in a provisional shelter, but when it isn't raining some 600 to 1,000 come out to the services."

LIMA — Elsie Isensee tells of her safe arrival on the field and of her experiences with the Customs officials. Since a large sum, such as \$500, was involved, she made it a matter of earnest prayer that somehow her possessions might be allowed to pass free. "The children and I prayed and then

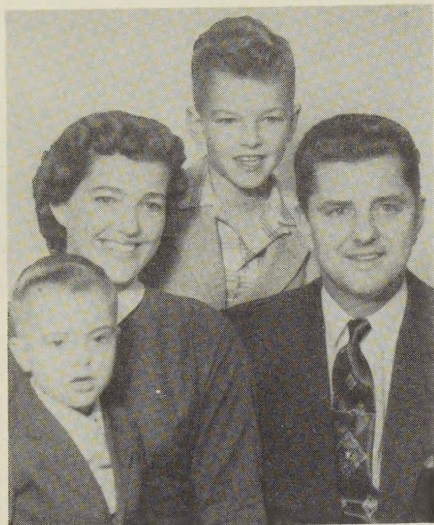
we just praised God for doing it. No one seemed to feel it could be done, but I felt God had already granted it so I just praised Him for it. My little boy, Kenny heard me thanking God for it and said, 'Oh, Mommy, you mean they have already said we could bring our things in duty free?' I said, 'No honey, they haven't, but faith is to thank God for something in advance because you know He is going to do it for you!' Well, one of the missionaries called the other day to see what the decision was, and he found that they had signed the application and given us the right to bring in all our things duty free !!!" Sister Isensee reports that there are 76 students in the Bible School and that they are proving to be an exceptionally fine group.

PHILIPPINES — A heartening report from the Riley Kaufmans tells of a letter they have received as a result of the radio ministry to Asia. The letter was from Pan Kwei Ching, the headman of a Yao tribal



THE GERALD FISCHER family has returned to the evangelistic field. After nearly three years of very successful pastoral ministry in North Vallejo, the Fischers are now once more enjoying a travelling ministry.

A few weeks ago they reported: "At present we are in revival meetings in McKinleyville, where Brother Clarence Meyers is pastor. We are known as the 'Musical Fischers of Men' throughout the United States, as we travelled for five years by that name before we accepted the church in Vallejo. We play on a dozen different instruments, including the Hammond Organ which we take with us. We are travelling in a 35 foot house trailer. We will be in the Northern California-Nevada District until March. Then we will be leaving for revival meetings in Central America. We are planning to evangelize in several foreign countries." While the Fischers were in North Vallejo their Sunday school more than doubled and their North Vallejo church had the honor of having given the largest total amount and largest per capita amount to Speed-the-Light, of any church in the nation. The Fischer's mailing address is 206 Carolyn Drive, Vallejo.



The Searl Stovers recently celebrated their fifth anniversary as pastors of the Olivehurst Assembly. Pictured above are (l. to r.) David, Sister Stover, Searl Jr., and Brother Stover. For further details see the Here and There Section.

village in the high mountains of Thailand. In part the letter said: "I listened to your broadcast and I was well pleased. It was about three years from now that we believed in the Lord. Now we have more than twenty families that are working in the Lord's work. We were planting opium, but now we already have given up our old job. After receiving this letter, will you please write to us and also teach us?"



Bible School in Liberia

Missionary R. J. Renfroe sends us this picture of the student body (though with 6 absent) of their new Bible School which opened recently. Reports Brother Renfroe concerning the opening: "What a gala day it was. The District Commissioner and other officials were present to witness and participate in the opening ceremonies. Speeches, prayers, songs, rejoicings, and shoutings were the order of the day. Then came the routine of class work. Rev. and Mrs. Hasch, and Rev. and Mrs. Renfroe were the faculty members. The students drank in their classes with amazement. They had not realized that the Bible was such a wonderful book. When the final day came and it was time for them to think of going back to their towns and villages, they all anxiously wanted to know when the next session would be. They were told that if the Lord was willing and the necessary funds came in to build the permanent Bible School building, the next session would be during the dry season, right after the first of the year." The Renfroes request our prayers that this great, spiritually strategic work might be hastened to completion.

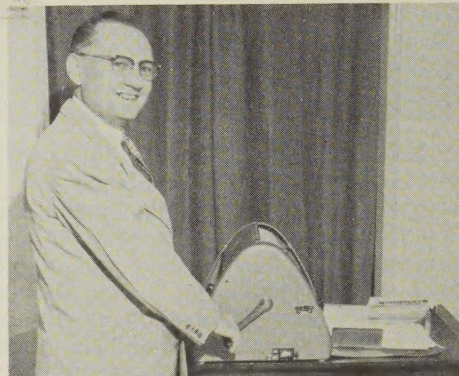
Bro. Gerhart Smiles His Approval

He's trying out the new REX ROTARY Mimeograph and he's finding it a delight to use. The Campus Store at B. B. C. has recently secured the agency for these unique machines. Write for details.

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Santa Cruz, California

The American Bible Society reports the passing of its veteran secretary and missionary to Brazil, Dr. Hugh C. Tucker. In 70 years of ministry, Dr. Tucker saw the distribution of Bibles in Brazil multiply twentifold.

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Open-Air Evangelism

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there are always the heartwarming incidents and miracles of conversion that would gratify any Gospel worker.

"When the group was at Reno in 1955," relates Brother Bradley, "in an afternoon meeting when they were located near the railroad tracks across from the gambling houses there was an unusual sense of the power of God. The workers at their assigned posts found ready listeners for their personal witness. One man boldly walked up to the group at the microphone and requested spiritual help. He reported that he came from a Christian home and for 17 days he had been in Reno living sinfully. After prayer with the workers he promptly bought a ticket and boarded the train to his home in Oakland where his praying wife and child awaited him."

Says Brother Bradley, "There is an increasing hunger for God amongst people on the street these days." Brother Bradley ought to know: his ministry brings him to deal with many and, best of all, systematically to lead them to the Lord.

WEDDING BELLS

On September 14, Betty Ackerman, the Christian Education Director of Bethel Temple, became the bride of T. Sgt. James Y. McKellar in a beautiful ceremony in the Sacramento church.

Former B. B. C. student, Ilene Crist, and Lloyd Hinkle were united in marriage on November 3, in the Assembly of God church in Roseburg, Oregon.

LODI PROGRESSES

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Ham Lane. For the '55-'56 Sunday School year, the average attendance was 251. Last April eight new Sunday School rooms were added to care for the increased attendance.

God is continuing to bless the people of the Lodi church, and prospects for the future are bright. A recent revival with Pastor Ed Cole of San Bruno proved unusually profitable. During the two weeks of meetings, several people were saved and others filled with the Holy Spirit. Hence, both through the ministry of Pastor Prinzing and through visiting workers, the Lodi First Assembly of God stands as a center of revival effort and gratifying spiritual progress. May God richly bless Pastor Prinzing and his faithful people!

JOY TO THE WORLD

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Dr. Abbott tells of a small boy who asked his ten-year-old sister just as the sermon concluded, "Now is it all done?"

"No", she whispered back, "it's just all said, and we must go and do it."

Christ gave the command that we should preach the gospel in all the world. It is ours to go and do.

JOY TO THE WORLD

"Joy to the world! The Messiah is born,

Greatest of gifts God has given;
Let us rejoice on this glad Christmas morn,

Joining the angels in heaven.

Tell out the tidings of peace and good will,

Earth hath a King now from glory;
Over each plain, every valley and hill,

Tell ye the wonderful story.

Carry the good news both home abroad,

Herald it out to all nations;

Jesus is with us, the dear Son of God,

Giving us hope and salvation.

Joy to the world! a Saviour is born,
Glory to God in the highest!

Now's the time . . .

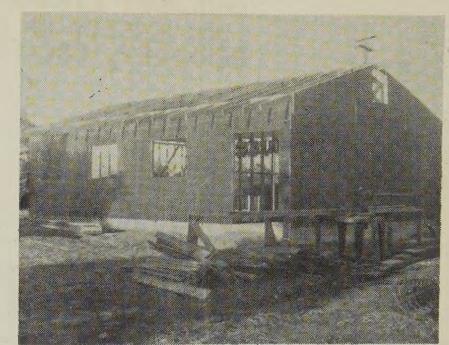
TO PREPARE FOR January Worker's Training

Lord Nelson said, "I owe all my success in life to having been always a quarter of an hour beforehand."

So, in Sunday School work, success can be attained only as there is forethought and advance preparation.

Training Month will soon be here. It's not any too early to begin your preparation.

The Book Selection of the Month is "The Spirit Himself" by Ralph M. Riggs. Visual aid and a teacher's manual are prepared to go with the text. Or, to meet a special need in your church, you may prefer to choose a book from the Training Course Book List included in the Training Month



There's a new church under construction at Williams, California. The building is 24x38 and is scheduled to be in use by Christmastime. The pastor is William Wedgeworth.

Handbook, soon to be mailed to all churches. A convenient order blank also will be included for early ordering of materials.

Why not plan a city-wide or area-wide course? Perhaps you will want to have a departmentalized school. Begin your plans now, for January will soon be here!

Office worker Lois Ann Brown smiles her delight as she ponders the prospects for our January Worker's Training Program.

Our Indian Church at Gardnerville



The Sunday School of the Sierra Assembly of God Indian Church at Gardnerville, Nevada, as it appeared on a recent Sunday. The pastor is Pauline E. Nelson. Sister Nelson reports that the assembly has been provided a lot as a gift and they now are looking forward to erecting a church building. For some time the Sunday school has been averaging between 25 and 30.

SPEED-THE-LIGHT

We are happy to announce that Speed the Light is going over the top again this year. The reports are not yet complete, but D-CAP Walt Boring reports that after only five Speed the Light rallies over \$2,627.00 has been given. A complete detailed account of all Speed-the-Light giving on a sectional basis will be printed in the next issue of *Glad Tidings Magazine*.

WHO'S NEW?

On September 29, little Kenton Duane arrived at the Fredolf Sondeno home in Tokyo, Japan. Two year old sister, Sayonara, reports that he weighed eight pounds and is doing fine.

Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Dunn of Fallon, Nevada, welcomed Laura Kay to their home on October 16.

CURRENT SIGNS

Bible Balloons Still Dropping Behind Curtain

Thousands of copies of God's word is still being delivered to the enslaved masses behind the Iron Curtain, even in the face of continued hardship and great financial strain. Forty-five thousand more Bible portions were launched during September and more are planned for the coming months. (Christian Crusade)

29,605 Israel Immigrants In Past Year

A total of 29,605 persons migrated to Israel during twelve months ending August 1, 1955. Of these, 25,474 came from North Africa, 2,040 from Asia, 1,163 from Europe, 40 from South Africa and 888 from the Americas. No longer are immigrants herded into camps of tin and tarpaulin huts. They are moved into homes in settlement and development areas immediately upon their arrival. Housing is finally catching up with immigration in Israel, where the number of dwelling apartments has doubled in seven short years.

Sunday School Attendance Is Rewarding

Nineteen potential heirs of the late Mrs. Kate Landes have good reason to reconsider the value of Sunday School attendance. Mrs. Landes left \$500 each to 17 nieces and nephews and two friends — provided they could correctly answer a four-fold questionnaire she composed before her death. The questions: (1) Do you smoke? (2) Do you drink? (3) Do you attend church every Sunday? (4) Do you attend Sunday School every Sunday?

Three heirs have answered satisfactorily and certified they are eligible for their \$500. Fourteen others replied variously, some of them declining to claim the money. Two have not been heard from.

While the three who answered satisfactorily replied have received a monetary reward for their virtues, we are sure that they — and all who can answer these questions correctly — receive a much greater reward in spiritual and physical blessings.

Prison Population in U. S. Rises 1.7%

A total of 185,069 prisoners were serving sentences in state and federal prisons and reformatories throughout the nation at the start of 1956, a record high. But the prisoner count was greater by only 1.7 per cent, or 3,018 prisoners. This compares with a 3.2 per cent increase in the prison population in 1953 and 5.4 per cent rise in 1954.

The Golden State

California is known as the Golden State. It is a designation which excites the imagination. This state has an area of 158,000 square miles and a population of 13,000,000, more than 14,000 miles of paved highways and 5,500,000 motor vehicles. Six and one-half million of its people are "church related" of which 4,000,000 are Protestant and 2,500,000 are Roman Catholics and members of other faiths. Approximately 5,000,000 have no church connection.

There are nearly 44,000 licensed taverns, saloons and retail liquor stores operating in the state as compared with fewer than 10,000 churches of all faiths. The 5,000,000 drinkers of the state consumed over 222,000,000 gallons of alcohol beverages in 1954, costing over \$800,000,000.

World's Jewish Population Near Twelve Million

The latest Year Book published by the American Jewish Committee shows that the world Jewish population increased over 58,000 last year and now is 11,908,443. Nearly half of the Jews live in the United States. Whereas in the entire world only four people out of a thousand are Jews. The Jewish population of other lands is: 2,000,000 in Soviet Union, 1,500,000 in Israel, 450,000 in England, 360,000 in Argentina and 230,000 in Canada. The Year Book states that "tens of thousands" of Jews in the Soviet Union are in prisons and forced labor camps.

Bible Featured on New U. S. Postage Stamp

The Bible is again being featured on a U.S. postage stamp, but this time it is an entire Bible, not just a proof sheet as was the case with the Johann Gutenberg stamp of 1952. The new three-cent stamp was issued on Labor Day and was designed to honor American labor.

The design for the stamp was taken from a mural in the new AFL-CIO headquarters building in Washington, which depicts a worker with pick, hammer and hoe over his shoulder, with an arm about his wife. She is seated and is reading to their young son from a book which the artist described as "The Book of Life".

A spokesman from George Meany, president of the AFL-CIO, said "To us the Book of Life can mean nothing other than the Bible. We take it to be a Bible and I think anyone who looks at the mural would see it as a symbol that the Bible is the one sure and certain guide we have in life."

YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN:

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